by the Food Corporation of India during the last 3 years are as under:

(Qty. lakh MT)

Year	Total purchase plus sale	Total loss	Percentage of loss to toatal purchase plus sales
1982-83	312·78	7·40	2·37
1983-84	319·00	6·74	2·11
1984-85	295·14	5·72	1·94

The accounts for the year 1985-86 and for the current year have not yet been finalised.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The recommendations of the Committee for bringing efficiency and economy in the operations of the Food Corporation of India are briefly as under:

(i) Rationalisation of movement and reducing incidence of freight.

(ii) Reduction in the strength of labour|staff.

(iii) Closure of uneconomical godowns and purchase centres.

(iv) Fixation of norms for unavoidable transit and storage losses.

(v) Fixation of responsibility on officers for lapses.

(vi) Providing escorts during movement of foodgrains.

(vii) Intensifying surprise checks at depots.

(viii) Simplification of depot accounts.

These recommendations are in the process of implementation.

Pollution load in the Yamuna

2267. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the pollution load in the Yamuna at Delhi, Vrindavan, Mathura, Agra and Prayagraj as contributed by various sources of pollution;

(b) what level of pollution of water is considered safe from human consumption and whether the Yamuna water is safe at the above-mentioned places; and

(c) what steps have been taken so far in this regard and their outcome?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The Major sources of pollution in the river Yamuna are untreated domestic sewage, animal husbandry related activities and effluents discharged from industries. The pollution load in the water of river Yamuna from the contributions from these sources are furnished in the attached statement (Annexure I). [*See* Appendix CXXXIX, Annexure No 125].

(b) The quality of water for human consumption is given in the attached statement, II (*See* below). The Yamuna water at the above mentioned places are two levels below the designated best use water quality criteria.

(c) The steps taken to prevent pollution in the Yamuna river include the following:—

(1) Augmentation of capacities for the existing sewage treatment plants;

(2) Renovation of the existing sewage treatment plants and pumping stations; and

(3) Installation of branch sewers and systems of diversion of sullage water to prevent its flow into the river.

As compared to 1977, the pollution load of the river in the Union Territory of Delhi has reduced by 35 per cent due to diversion of sewage from the Najafgarh drain and its treatment before discharge.

Statement

Primary—Water Quality Criteria

Designated Best Use	Class of Water	Criteria
1 Drinking water source without Conventional treatment but after disinfection.	A	1. Total Coliform organisms MPN/-100ml shall be 50 or less. 2. PH between 6.5 and 8.5. 3. Dissolved Oxygen 6mg/1 or more. 4. Biochemical Oxygen Demand 5 days 20°C 2mg/1 or less.

Robbery in Tamil Nadu Express

2268. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHARY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in a daring robbery the passengers of the Delhi-bound Tamil Nadu Express were robbed of their belongings including jewellery by the robbers sometime in the last week of May, 1986, if so, what are the details thereof stating the estimated loss suffered by the passengers;

(b) what is the number of armed robberies and thefts in the running trains on various sections of the Indian Railways during the last one year till date stating the estimated loss incurred by the passengers and how does it compare with robberies/thefts committed in the running trains during the corresponding period in the previous year; and

(c) whether any critical review of the existing policing and other safety arrangements particularly for long distance travel have been made to know the deficiencies if any, if so what are the details thereof stating the steps taken by Government to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

RE: BUSINESS FOR THE DAY

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now we proceed.... No, we have already spent 33 minutes on this subject. Today, we have the Constitutional Amendment.... No, no, please sit down. We have already spent 33 minutes on this subject. No more questions.

Now today.. please hear me. No, please. Today we have the Constitutional Amendment Bill and the Tamil Nadu Legislative Council (Abolition) Bill on the Order Paper, besides the Calling Attention and the statement by the Prime Minister on his visit to London and Mexico at 12.45 hours. May I suggest, therefore, that we dispense with the lunch hour not dispense with lunch but the lunch recess. At 2.30 p.m. the Finance Minister will be making a statement on the "Simplification and Rationalisation of Direct Tax Laws". This is only a discussion paper. It is not a conclusion or anything of the kind. I propose to allow a full debate very early after the House meets in the next Session so that Members may have read the paper and they may have a discussion. Clarifications need not be asked at this point.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE (West Bengal): That will depend on the nature of the statement.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Because it only a discussion paper.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: We will know when he present it.